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In response to the May 17, 2006 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-19, 21-24 and 26-28 are pending, with claims 1, 10, 21, 23 and 28 being the independent claims.

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